

Life App Notes

West End, Sunday 11th March

A Great Church – ‘Has Spiritual Wisdom’; 1 Corinthians 2v6-16

Intro

We looked at how Wisdom differs to knowledge? Can you explain the differences? (Look at wisdom being applied knowledge).

Read 1 Corinthians 2v6-16

Pray that we would get God’s perspective and wisdom as we study the passage.

1. *Wisdom Begins with Christ Crucified*

Read Chapter 1 verses 22 to 25. These verses look at how we “preach Christ crucified”, the “power of God and the wisdom of God”. On Sunday we spoke about how it is essential we start from the cross. The wisdom of God (according to Paul here) begins at the Cross of Christ.

Apply – Q1. In what areas of your life do you need a more ‘cross-centred’ view? (i.e. forgiveness / suffering). As a leader give an example to the group and then encourage the group to share their areas of life where they need a more Christ-centred approach.

Q2. How can you keep the Cross of Christ central to your faith on a daily basis?

Q3. What difference does ‘keeping the cross central’ make to your daily decisions? (i.e. the Wisdom of God was weakness to man, we do not need to strive after the world’s power / wisdom – God’s wisdom came in incredible humility).

Point two is the focus point for groups this week.

2. *The Wisdom of God is revealed through the Holy Spirit*

- The Wisdom of God is revealed to us by the indwelling presence of his Holy Spirit ¹⁰these are the things God **has** revealed to us by his Spirit.
- V10 - **The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.** – the spirit searches the deep truths of God. So the Spirit of God searches the depths of God and then in verse 12...
- ¹²**What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.**
- We have received the Holy Spirit which allows us to dwell on and draw on the depths of our salvation. We need to be CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH HIS SPIRIT (Ephesians 5v18)

Q1. When did you last get ‘filled’ with the Holy Spirit? (sense the closeness of his presence)

Wisdom comes from being filled with the Spirit – consider spending the remainder of the evening praying for one another to be overwhelmingly full of his holy spirit. Pray and prophecy over one another.

3. *Walking in WISDOM*

Verse 16 tells us that we have the “Mind of Christ”.

Q1. How do we walk in Christ’s wisdom on a daily basis? Suggestions; fill your mind with things of God (Philippians 4v18), dwell on word of God (Romans 12v2).

Q2. In what way could you further pursue the Wisdom of God on a daily basis?